(b) if so, the grounds on which the demand has been made; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Transporters have demanded that a new Act should replace the Carriers Act, 1865 which is a very old Act and a number of its provisions have lost significance.

(c) Government proposes to amend the Act.

Foreign Aided Road Development Projects in Orissa

2116. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some roads projects are being implemented in Orissa with different foreign aid programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and fund earmarked therefor;

(c) the target fixed for the completion of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The following are the details of the Road Projects being implemented in Orissa with different foreign aid programmes.

SI. No	Name	Cost (Rs. Crores)	Status
1.	Four-laning Bhubaneshwar-Cuttack-Jagatpur Section of NH-5: World Bank	218.4	91%
2.	Four-laning Jagatpur Chandikhol Section of NH-5: Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund, Japan	137.60	To commence

The projects are targeted for completion by the year 2002.